

**California Subject Matter Project (CSMP)
Concurrence Committee Meeting
June 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes
9 AM to 1 PM
Alpha Gamma Rho Room at Buehler Center, UC Davis
Davis, CA 95616**

In attendance:

Concurrence Committee Members

Harold G. Levine, University of California
Nancy Brynelson, California State University
Beverly Young, Commission on Teacher Credentialing

Absent:

Scott Hill, Governor's Office
Jonathan Brown, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities
Mary-Alicia McRae, Curriculum Development & Supplemental Materials Commission

California Subject Matter Project Executive Director

Jean Treiman, Executive Director

Harold Levine, University of California (UC), School of Education Dean, called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Minutes from the February 12, 2008 meeting were approved. Executive Director Jean Treiman spoke about SB 232, NCLB, and approval of the CDE contract. Levine noted that he would like to discuss regional partnerships at the next Concurrence Committee meeting. Treiman noted that a meeting to be held in Sacramento in September would cover topics related to the regional partnerships.

Each project was given time to discuss the site proposals and field questions from participants.

CFLP (Lorraine D'Ambruso and Robert Blake)

- Noted that the East Bay Foreign Language Project was moving from St. Mary's to UC Berkeley Language Center under Interim Director Richard Kern
- Current strengths are programs in Mandarin and Hindi
- All sites are involved in leadership development

CHSSP (Nancy McTygue and Tom Adams)

- Noted challenges, such as site leadership and money
- New director to be installed at California State University (CSU) Long Beach
- CSU Fresno is taking a "hiatus" under Interim Director Melissa Jordine to reevaluate the site due to frequent leadership changes

CISP (Ron Herring)

- Discussed transition of San Bernardino County of Education as host institution to CSU San Bernardino site
- World Affairs Council site to be closed on 7/1/08. Funds allocated to World Affairs will be held in reserve and a new host institution, possibly San Jose State, is being considered
- Plan to develop a cultural program on Mexico and Central America

Levine commented that both CISP and CHSSP have sites in limbo and perhaps could share insights with one another in regards to challenges and possible solutions.

CMP (Greg White, Pam Hutchison, and Debbie Stetson)

- Outlined that the CMP review process included aligning CMP, NCLB, and CSMP goals
- 10 sites have teacher retention grants
- 4 sites have CPEC grants
- Math, writing, and science are collaborating on a grant, as well as the regional plan at Samuel Jackman

CPEHP (Susan Wilkinson and Kathryn Scott)

- Spoke about rebuilding of infrastructure after closure of sites and project being defunded
- New sites and leaders are now being installed
- Use of Survey Monkey as a positive tool for assessment and evaluation
- Northridge site and site director has moved to Fullerton
- A joint site directors and advisory board meeting (to be held in October) is when sites are expected to give updates on goals and funding since most sites are relatively new
- Would like to expand into the San Diego and Long Beach area, but due to lack of NCLB funds, plans may be put on hold

CRLP (Marlin Adams, Clarisa Rojas, and Tom Klammer)

- Partnership with a school in Southern California helped them meet all Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) numbers at a 90% English learner school site
- Challenge of having different approved providers housed at the same institution

CSP (Jim Postma)

- Need greater centralized core support
- A challenge is that different requests for proposals pull them in many different directions

Levine brought up accountability as an issue to be discussed in regards to the exact number of CSP sites.

TCAP (Kris Alexander and Vickie Scott)

- A change of site director to be named by Fall 2008 for Bay Area site
- Have looked towards outside funding sources (Irvine Foundation, Boeing, Hewlett, and Governor's new arts and music program)
- Partnering with Disney to hold conference on arts education

CWP (Jayne Marlink)

- Formation of Community of Informed Critique
- 16 sites and 4 satellite sites (NWP funding for satellite sites)
- Summer and after school programs are essential in keeping students engaged while not in school
- Northridge site is being reorganized

Levine asked if there were any challenges to working with other math providers. Pam Hutchison, site director of the UC Davis Mathematics Project, responded that most are affiliated with CMP or county education offices and are familiar with each other's work. The goal is to build upon what's already out there. People can use textbooks but CMP adds to what's already a basic provision. Clarisa Rojas, Co-Executive Director of the California Reading & Literature Project, also noted fiscal challenges are involved when working with county offices as many refuse project advisory in order to claim full revenue from ongoing contracts.

Treiman wanted to hold a separate conversation with the Concurrence Committee and advisory board chairs to discuss relationships with county offices. Ron Herring, Executive Director of the California International Studies Project, used the San Bernardino site as an example. The site, which had originally been housed at the San Bernardino County Office of Education, had to move to CSU San Bernardino due to funding. The site director applied and received a one million dollar grant for American History, which San Bernardino County Office of Education took two thirds of and reallocated towards county goals perceived of greater importance. Treiman would like to hold a discussion with Levine for recommended funding strategies.

Janna Calzone, Co-Director of UC Irvine Mathematics Project, and Ann Miller, Co-Director of UC Irvine Science Project, gave a presentation about the CMP-CSP partnership with Compton.

Alix Gallagher and Nancy Bier held an SRI presentation to show CSMP efforts, surveys, and methodology.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM by Nancy Brynelson.